

CLAIMS:

1. A carrying case, comprising:

an outer shell defining an interior space;

an organizing flap disposed in the outer shell, the organizing flap comprising:

an interior surface;

a hinge to the outer shell;

one or more organizer pockets hinged to the interior surface of the organizing flap at a spacing from the hinge of the organizing flap.

2. A carrying case according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of elastic loops attached to the interior surface of the organizing flap and spaced from the hinge further than the plurality of organizing flaps.

3. A carrying case according to claim 1, further comprising a central pocket, and an internal gap between the base of the outer shell and the central pocket only accessible through the organizing flap.

4. A carrying case according to claim 3, further comprising an airplane knee board disposed in the internal gap.

5. A carrying case according to claim 1, further comprising an internal pocket housed within the organizing flap sized to hold one or more of: a hand-held radio and a GPS unit.

6. A carrying case according to claim 1 wherein each of the one or more organizer pockets comprises a stiff central member, and a flexible open pocket on each opposing side of the stiff central member.

7. A carrying case according to claim 6 wherein the stiff central member is generally flat and rectangular, and the flexible open pockets extend substantially a full width of the stiff central member but not a full length of the stiff central member.

8. A carrying case according to claim 6 wherein each of the one or more organizer pockets is sized to hold one or more of a Sectional Aeronautical Chart, a Terminal Area Chart, and a World Aeronautical Chart.

9. A carrying case according to claim 6 wherein each of the stiff central members comprises rectangular dimensions comprising a width ranging between approximately 5 and 7 inches and a length ranging between approximately 9 and 11 inches.

10. A carrying case according to claim 9 wherein the width is approximately 6 inches and the length is approximately 10 inches.

11. A carrying case according to claim 10 wherein each of the flexible open pockets comprises rectangular dimensions comprising a width ranging between approximately 5 and 6 inches and a length ranging between approximately 8 and 9 inches.

12. A carrying case according to claim 11 wherein the width of the open pockets is approximately 5.5 inches and the length of the pockets is approximately 8.25 inches.

13. A carrying case according to claim 1 wherein the one or more organizer pockets is spaced from the hinge a distance approximately equal to or greater than a width of one of the plurality of organizer pockets.

14. A carrying case according to claim 13 wherein the distance is approximately 6 inches.

15. A carrying case according to claim 1 wherein the one or more organizer pockets is removably hinged to the interior surface of the flap.

16. A carrying case according to claim 15 wherein the plurality of organizer pockets is removably hinged to the interior surface by one or more of: a ring, a C-channel, and hook and loop tape.

17. A carrying case according to claim 1 wherein organizing flap comprises a zipper such that when the zipper is fully engaged, the organizing flap comprises a portion of the outer shell.

18. A flight bag, comprising:
an outer shell;
a closeable side flap comprising one or more interior flaps hinged to the side flap, each of the one or more interior flaps being separately rotatable about an attachment to the closeable side flap in a book-like manner.

19. A flight bag according to claim 18, further comprising a hinge between the closeable side flap and the flight bag, wherein the attachment of the one or more interior flaps to the closeable side flap is spaced from the hinge.

20. A flight bag according to claim 18 wherein each of the one or more interior flaps comprise a plate having first and second pockets extending from opposite sides thereof.

21. A flight bag according to claim 20 wherein both the first and second pockets of each of the one or more interior flaps is sized to hold one or more of a Sectional Aeronautical Chart, a Terminal Area Chart, and a World Aeronautical Chart.

22. A flight bag according to claim 21 wherein both the first and second pockets of each of the one or more interior flaps is sized such that a title block of the Sectional Aeronautical Chart is exposed.

23. A flight bag according to claim 20 wherein both the first and second pockets of each of the one or more interior flaps ranges between 5 and 6 inches in width, 8 and 9 inches in length, and 0.05 to 0.5 inches in thickness.

24. A flight bag according to claim 20 wherein each of the one or more interior flaps is approximately 6 inches wide and 10 inches long.

25. A flight bag according to claim 18 wherein the one or more interior flaps are removable from the closeable side flap.

26. A flight bag according to claim 18 further comprising a central pocket, first and second side pockets receptive of radio headsets, and an interior gap disposed below the central pocket receptive of an aircraft pilot knee board.

27. A piece of luggage, comprising:
a plurality of pockets;
an exterior side flap comprising a hinge;
one or more interior pockets rotatable about a hinge-attachment to the exterior side flap, the hinge-attachment of the one or more interior pockets being different from the hinge of the exterior side flap.

28. A piece of luggage according to claim 27 wherein each of the one or more interior pockets comprises a stiff center plate with first and second pockets on opposite sides thereof.

29. A piece of luggage according to claim 27 wherein the stiff center plate comprises dimensions ranging between 5.5 and 6.5 inches in width, and 9.5 and 10.5 inches in length.

30 A piece of luggage according to claim 29 wherein the first and second pockets comprise dimensions ranging between 5 and 6 inches in width and 8 and 9 inches in length.

31. A piece of luggage according to claim 27 wherein the hinge-attachment of the one or more interior pockets is spaced from the hinge of the exterior side flap by a distance approximately equal to or greater than a width of the one or more interior pockets.

32. A piece of luggage according to claim 27 wherein the external side flap is closeable.

33. A piece of luggage according to claim 32 wherein an external surface of the external side flap comprises a portion of an outer shell when closed.

34. A piece of luggage according to claim 33 wherein the outer shell is flexible.

35. A method of packing aeronautical maps, comprising:
providing a flight bag comprising an exterior side flap comprising a hinge and one or more interior pockets rotatable about a hinge-attachment to the exterior side flap, the hinge-attachment of the one or more interior pockets being different from the hinge of the exterior side flap;

inserting an aeronautical map into one of the one or more interior pockets.

36. A method of packing aeronautical maps according to claim 35, further comprising:
- rotating one of the one or more interior pockets about the hinge-attachment independent of the hinge of the exterior side flap;
 - inserting another aeronautical map into another of the one or more interior pockets.